

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 ONY-00 /026 W  
-----123523 060809Z /11/41  
O 040954Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6975

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, MASS, LE  
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF THEFTS OF US SUPPLIED M-16S

REF: STATE 052825

1. YOUR ASSUMPTION CORRECT. AT OUR REQUEST DATT  
SENT INQUIRY ON M-16 SERIAL NUMBER FURNISHED BY  
PAKRADOUNI, AND RECEIVED RESPONSE THAT SAID RIFLE  
WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SHIPPED TO LEBANON. (SECDEF 250146Z  
FEB 78 AND SECDEF 280027Z FEB 78). DEPT. OF THE  
ARMY IS ALSO TAKING ACTION TO PROVIDE US HERE WITH  
COMPLETE LIST OF ALL SERIAL NUMBERS OF M-16S SHIPPED  
TO LEBANON SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW UP ON SUCH RUMORS  
DIRECTLY (DA 021654Z MAR 78).

2. MOLINEAUX TOLD PAKRADOUNI MARCH 3 THAT NUMBER  
COULD NOT BE CORRECT. PAKRADOUNI AGREED TO LOOK  
FURTHER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP.

3. YOUR UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT THAT OF 5000  
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M-16S SO FAR DELIVERED, 600 WERE PLACED IN  
FAYYADIYAH, 600 AT HENRI CHEHAB.

4. ARMA PHYSICALLY COUNTED ALL 49 APC'S AT YARZE  
FEB 22. I SEE THEM ALMOST DAILY DURING MY EVENING STROLL.

5. AM SENDING YOU SEPTTEL RE MY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT

WITH BOUTROS.  
PARKER

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